

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/747,567

Examiner

Jacob Lipman

Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment of 4 February 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-64.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 22 December 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-64 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With regard to claims 1, 21, 41, 61, and 63, Ireton discloses a method for securely installing patch data (column 1 lines 6-8) in a device having a processor, program memory, and patch memory (column 4 lines 24-27) including encrypting clear patch data using a key (column 10 lines 40-43), storing the encrypted patch into data memory (column 3 lines 52-53) retrieving the patch and decrypting it using the key (column 10 lines 43-44), and loading it into patch memory and executing it (column 3 lines 53-58). Ireton, however, does not disclose how the patch is downloaded to the device. Green discloses a method of securely downloading patch data in a device (column 11 lines 40-41) including, transmitting the patch to the device over a non-secure channel in encrypted form (column 11 lines 31-33), and receiving the patch on the device and decrypting it (column 11 lines 33-39), using a key known to a plurality of computing devices (column 11 lines 30-39) thus verifying it's integrity. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to implement Green's encrypted patch downloading to Ireton's Patch storage system for preventing unauthorized updates (Green column 11 lines 27-29). Ireton does not, however, disclose that the patch is encrypted with a hardwired key. On the contrary, Ireton discloses generating the key using a one-time pad. It would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill to hardwire

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this key, since Ireton distinctly discloses that it should be generated each time used (column 10 lines 33-49).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jacob Lipman whose telephone number is 571-272-3837. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7 AM-3 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Morse can be reached on 571-272-3838. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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